

St. Patrick's Day Shenanigans - Lesson Plan

What you need:

[Visit from the Leprechaun Letter](#) [1]



[Rainbow Colors Felt Rhyme](#) [2] patterns
Craft paper

The highlight of a preschool St. Patrick's Day celebration is a visit from a mischievous leprechaun. Plan on your leprechaun visiting the day before St. Patrick's Day. You can have him leave mischievous evidence such as paint on tables or in the sinks, colored water in the toilets, green streamers, shamrock confetti on the floor, or green food coloring in their milk.





Print the [Visit from a Leprechaun Letter](#) [1], and display it in the room. We modified ours a little to indicate that the leprechaun lost his hat in the classroom.





Let children look for the hat, and then gather the children and discuss the best way to return the hat to the leprechaun and get the pot of gold. Help them follow through with their plans. Our class chose to set a trap to catch the leprechaun by placing his missing hat in the box he also left behind. They used toys and the items our leprechaun left in the room to create the trap.



After all the children leave for the day, or before they arrive the next day, spring their trap. Move some items around. We chose to move the box to a new location in the school and leave a note from the leprechaun.



Print the **Rainbow Colors Felt Rhyme** ^[2] pattern and cut the arcs out of colored craft paper. Display the red arc near the door of the classroom to lead the children out. Place the following arcs throughout the hallways to guide them to the new location of the box. You can use shamrocks or glitter to help.





At the end, place a box filled with chocolate gold coins or golden candy bars (fun-sized Twix). Place a note in the box to tell children to try again next year to catch their friend.



The excitement of the Leprechaun Hunt is sure to get the children wound up. Use the **A Rainbow of my Own Movement Activity** ^[14] or any of the Leprechaun Movement activities to help relieve some of the extra pent up energy.



Save the arc clue pieces for the children to play with and to construct a rainbow.



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